

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 - 9 (cancelled)

1 10. (currently amended) An article of jewelry
2 comprising:

3 two cords each having at least one zone of a
4 predetermined large diameter;

5 a separable fastener interconnecting corresponding ends
6 of said cords;

7 a slide member having a central vertical axis of
8 ~~symmetry~~, a planar support surface at a top of said member
9 transverse to said axis, a pair of holes converging from said top
10 surface to a bottom surface on opposite sides of said axis, and a
11 configuration of three coaxial disks forming a single body and of
12 successively smaller diameters from top to bottom, each of said
13 cords passing through a respective one of said holes and said slide
14 member being shiftable along said cords, the holes being of a
15 diameter slightly smaller than the predetermined large diameter of
16 the one zone of each cord for frictional engagement with the cords;
17 and

18 stop elements at other ends of said cords incapable of
19 passing through said holes.

11 - 12. (canceled)

1 13. (previously presented) The article of jewelry
2 defined in claim 10 further comprising a precious ornamental
3 element supported on said surface.

1 14. (previously presented) The article of jewelry
2 defined in claim 13 wherein said ornamental element is traversed by
3 said cords and rests upon said surface.

1 15. (previously presented) The article of jewelry
2 defined in claim 14 wherein said ornamental or precious element is
3 a stone.

1 16. (previously presented) The article of jewelry
2 defined in claim 10 wherein said stop elements are balls with
3 diameters greater than that of said holes.